

Outreach

GNOME had 20 Google Summer of Code (GSoC) students and 9 Outreachy interns in 2016. Outreachy internships during this period were generously sponsored by Endless, Free Software Foundation, GNOME Foundation, Red Hat, and by Outreachy's general sponsors Bloomberg, DigitalOcean, GitHub, Google, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Intel, O'Reilly, and OpenStack Foundation.

With the help of the GNOME Foundation and Outreachy, 8 GSoC students and 3 Outreachy interns attended GUADEC. There, they were able to meet their mentors, learn more about various GNOME projects from talks and working sessions, and present their work during the interns' lightning talks plenary session.

Seven previous GSoC participants acted as mentors in 2016:
Felipe Borges, Cosimo Cecchi, Bastian Ilso, Georges Neto,
Damián Nohales, Adrien Plazas, and Carlos Soriano. Additionally, past GSoC and Outreachy participants Ekaterina Gerasimova, Lasse Schuirmann, and Carlos Soriano acted as GSoC administrators for GNOME.

Continued involvement of participants is a great sign of the strength of these programs and is something that we celebrate.

To help newcomers get to know each other and to get to know more

established GNOME community members, there was a newcomers lunch at GUADEC. Also, GNOME's seventh annual women's dinner was held during GUADEC and had 13 attendees.

4 "Outreachy" interns in 2015

Carlos Soriano and Bastian Ilsø, both past GSoC participants, continued their work on the Newcomers initiative. They presented on their progress and future plans at GUADEC, explaining how they revamped the information available to newcomers to ensure that they can learn everything they need to get started and connect with maintainers of different applications.

A new Diversity BoF was held during the BoF days after GUADEC. During the first day, its attendees identified various activities that could help GNOME improve its diversity and inclusion, such as collaboration with universities and with diversity programs. Creating a standard event code of conduct emerged as the top priority for the group. The group spent the second day planning out an approach for creating such a code of conduct for GNOME events, and later shared it with the Board and with the Foundation membership. The group has been meeting regularly since to prepare a proposal for a GNOME event code of conduct and incident response procedures.